

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Capitol Preservation Board

### **Utah State Capitol Visitor Hours July 6, 2004- August 7, 2004**

Beginning Tuesday, July 6, 2004 the Utah State Capitol will be open Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. The Capitol will also be closed on weekends beginning the weekend of July 10, 2004.

The Salt Lake Convention and Visitor's Bureau provides free-guided tours. Tours start on the first floor of the Capitol around the map of Utah. Tours run every 30 minutes between the hours of 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. There are no tours provided on the weekends.

To schedule a tour for groups of 10 or more, or if you wish to have a focused tour of Art, Architecture, History of Utah, or the Legislative process, please call **(801) 538-1563**.

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More information to come ...I just wanted to give you an overview of the festivities regarding August 7, 2004.

### **Capitol Discovery Day Celebrates the Capitol Restoration Kick-Off**

Don't miss your last chance to see the Utah State Capitol Building before it undergoes a four-year restoration! Capitol Discovery Day is free and open to the public. Come take part in history as Capitol Discovery Day celebrates the restoration kick-off on **Saturday, August 7, 2004** from **Noon to 4:00 p.m.** The Utah State Capitol will officially close for restoration on the evening of August 7, 2004.

Hosted by the Capitol Preservation Board and the Utah Heritage Foundation, Capitol Discovery Day will offer a variety of hands-on activities, tours, and presentations to engage everyone in the family. Members of the Capitol Preservation Board; Lt. Governor Gayle McKeachnie, Senate President Al Mansell, and Speaker of the House Marty Stephens will be on hand to greet attendees and share their enthusiasm for the Capitol restoration project. The event will also include a special activity to commemorate your participation in the restoration kick-off.

Architects working on the restoration project will be stationed throughout the building to give you a behind-the-scenes preview of how the restoration will preserve the historic Capitol and create a safe, functional work environment. Lectures on a variety of aspects

of the Capitol restoration will take place beginning at 12:30 P.M. In addition, experts in traditional building trades will be on hand to demonstrate their crafts.

Kids (and the young at heart) will enjoy trying architectural crafts reflecting the skills used to build the Capitol nearly 90 years ago, such as gold leafing, creating murals, and constructing a dome. Kids can also use their best detective skills to answer the questions on the Capitol Clues treasure hunt. Every child who completes the treasure hunt will win a small goody-bag of school supplies.

The event will take place in the rotunda of the Capitol. Although the west side of the Capitol is blocked for construction, there is plenty of free parking available on the east side of the building and on the streets around the Capitol.

Capitol Discovery Day is made possible by generous grants from the George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation and the Utah Care Foundation as well as funds from the Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts, and Parks Program.

For more information about this event, please visit the Capitol Preservation Board website at [www.utahstatecapitol.utah.gov](http://www.utahstatecapitol.utah.gov) or the UHF website at [www.utahheritagefoundation.org](http://www.utahheritagefoundation.org) or call the Capitol Preservation Board at 801-538-3074 or Utah Heritage Foundation at 801-533-0858.

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